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Ms. Shirley Brandman
Carver Educational Services
Center, Room 123
850 Hungerford Drive
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Dear Mrs. Brandman: *Shirley*

As you know, the Board of Education and the County Executive have a mutual interest in ensuring that our youth have adequate opportunities for productive after-school activities. I have been encouraged by the partnership formed between the County and MCPS staff in expanding and coordinating after-school programs – especially for those students most at risk.

As part of our efforts to ensure that our youth are constructively engaged after school, we have been working to identify possible options for more ball fields. As I am sure you are aware, the demand for playing time on ball fields is significantly greater than the available supply.

I believe that one of your vacant school sites provides a unique opportunity for us to provide additional recreational opportunities to many of our youth without sacrificing the intent of preserving future school sites for the use by MCPS. I understand that the twenty-acre Brickyard Road site is largely vacant and underutilized.

I would ask that MCPS lease this property to the County so that we may provide additional ball fields to the County's youth teams. The site will be minimally developed to use for ball fields with minimal structural changes so that if necessary, it can be quickly reclaimed by MCPS. There would be no cost to MCPS as any development costs will not be the responsibility of MCPS. I understand the lease payments from the current use are minimal. We would work closely with MCPS staff to ensure that any changes to the site would not in any way impinge on the potential future needs of the school system.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. Please have your staff contact Jennifer Hughes, Special Assistant to the County Executive at 240-777-2515. She will ensure that the appropriate County staff will work with MCPS staff to bring this proposal to fruition.

Sincerely,

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

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Cc: Jerry Weast, Superintendent of Public Schools
Timothy Firestine, Chief Administrative Officer
Gabriel Alborno, Director, Department of Recreation
David Dise, Director, Department of General Services